

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, lines 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a third aspect of the invention, an article is provided with a computer-readable ~~signal-bearing recordable data storage medium~~. Means in the medium are provided for calculating connectivity for each vertex in a graph. In addition, means in the medium are provided for selecting a least connected vertex in a clique in the graph, and for removing the least connected vertex from the graph.